

# MRS. ROGERS RETAINS HER COMPOSURE

Mary Rogers Is Far From Collapse But Sheds a Few Tears--Given Last Rites Of Catholic Church.

SCAFFOLD WAS TRIED THIS FORENOON

Two Newspaper Men Will Be Admitted To The Execution--Attorney General Doesn't Expect Interference

(From the Times' Special Correspondent at Windsor.)

Windsor, Dec. 7.—A full rehearsal of the execution of Mary Rogers, who will be hanged tomorrow afternoon, was held this morning in Windsor prison. The deputy sheriffs were carefully drilled in every movement and action, even to the tying of the black sack over a dummy figure. The scaffold was erected this morning. The Manila rope was tested.

**Maintains Her Composure.**  
Contrary to a report, the death warrant has not been read to the woman and will not be until tomorrow morning. The last rites of the Catholic church have been administered to her by Fr. Delaney, who was summoned by the condemned woman several days ago, and who has given her what spiritual advice she would accept. She went through the ceremony calmly and almost with indifference.

And, in fact, she has maintained that same composure throughout the trying period which promises to end on the scaffold tomorrow afternoon. There has not been a sign of collapse, although she has shed a few tears. And as the last hours approach that nerve, which is most remarkable for a woman, stands by her, and there are many who believe that she will go to her death without a quaver. Her wonderful composure is remarked upon by all those who have seen her. And it can't be that she does not realize the impending fate, in spite of the two former reprieves which snatched her from the gallows.

**Betting on Execution.**  
The gruesome thing about the execution this far is the open speculation about town over the prospects of an execution tomorrow afternoon. The barber shops, the pool rooms and other places where men congregate, there is the one subject of conversation, as in fact it is all about the town. The betting places the odds at two to one that there will be an execution tomorrow.

**Two Newspaper Men.**  
At the last moment it has been decided that two newspaper men will be admitted to the execution, and they have already been chosen out of a list of many applicants. Both represent Vermont papers. There is, of course, great dissatisfaction felt among the small army of reporters that has assembled in Windsor. There are thirty press representatives here, coming for the great part from the metropolitan journals. The "Yellows" are well represented in the number, and they have come prepared to manufacture lurid tales of the end of the unfortunate woman. And their reports will have to be largely imaginative, as not one of the number will be admitted to the prison even until after the execution. A guard has been placed about the prison and grounds and no one will be allowed to enter unless he has the proper passport. The telephone and telegraph companies have made great arrangements to accommodate the newspaper men. The two newspaper men allowed to witness the execution will make what is called the official report. One of the two is a representative of The Times.

**McAulay to Spring Trap.**  
Although Sheriff Peck and Superintendent Lovell will have charge of the details, the trap will be sprung by Angus McAulay, a Scotswoman from the town of Wilder. United States Marshall Horace W. Bailey of Rutland is in town, but he did not come for the purpose of interfering with the execution, as report has it, on the ground that there is a question between the federal and state authorities over the custody of the woman. Superintendent Lovell went yesterday to his home in Springfield for a short stay. Attorney General Fitts is in town attending to his official business.

**Covering the Windows.**  
Workmen were busy today covering the windows with felt, in that part of the prison where the condemned woman is in solitary confinement, and where the execution will take place. Sounds of hammering were heard coming from that section of the prison this morning, they being made by the carpenters who

were putting the finishing touches to the gallows.

**No Interference With Execution.**  
Attorney General Fitts was here briefly this noon, and said that so far as he is aware there will be no interference with the plans for the execution tomorrow and he expects the programme of the state will be carried out. Attorney General Fitts is on his way from Woodstock to his home in Brattleboro.

**CLEMENT APPEALS.**

Has Written Governor Bell Asking for a Reprieve.

Windsor, Dec. 7.—Percival Clement, who is a candidate to succeed Governor Bell, has written to the latter, urging him to reprieve Mary Rogers until after the next legislature, and stating that if he is elected governor he will use all his influence to have capital punishment abolished.

**HAS 30,000 NAMES.**

Ohioans Petition Gov. Bell in Behalf of Condemned Woman.

Rutland, Dec. 7.—Miss Jessie Partlow, representing the Cincinnati Post, has arrived in town with a petition containing the names of 30,000 Ohio people, asking for a reprieve for Mary Rogers. She will try to find Gov. Bell so as to present the petition before it is too late.

**GOV. BELL EXPECTED.**

Will Probably Reach Montpelier Junction Early Tomorrow.

Gov. Bell left Chicago for Vermont early last evening, and is expected to reach this state tonight, getting to Montpelier Junction early in the morning.

**BUT ONE AVENUE FOR MARY ROGERS**

That Is for Her Attorneys to Get a Reprieve From Gov. Bell in the Early Hours of Tomorrow.

Rutland, Dec. 7.—At a conference of Mary Rogers' attorneys, E. B. Flynn, C. A. McCarthy and F. M. Butler, it was decided that there is now but one avenue of escape for the woman who is under sentence of death at Windsor tomorrow. That one hope is to see Gov. Bell and get a brief reprieve, so that they can present what they claim is new and important evidence, tending to show the insanity of the woman. With that in mind they have started out to head off Gov. Bell when he returns to Vermont from his Chicago trip. One will go to Montpelier Junction and the other to White River Junction, and they hope to secure a reprieve early in the morning.

**BELIEVED PROSPECTS BRIGHTER.**

One of Mary Rogers' Attorneys So Stated Last Night.

Rutland, Dec. 7.—The prospects for saving Mary Rogers are much brighter, and I think we shall be able to squeeze out of it. This was the statement of E. B. Flynn of Springfield at the close of a conference of attorneys working in behalf of the woman, held at the Rutland last evening. This statement is given more weight because the attorneys last night invited Hon. H. H. Powers of Morrisville to their conference, and the presence of a man of his legal standing has given the move more character than it has heretofore possessed.

The attorneys are reticent about giving out their plan, but it is known they had before them a large amount of documents relating to the mental condition of Mary Rogers by which they hope to show that she was of a depraved nature and was not responsible for the crime of which she has been legally convicted.

**SAYS SHE SHOULD HANG.**

Gov. Bell Not Weakening in the Mary Rogers Case.

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 7.—"If ever a woman should hang, Mrs. Rogers is that one," was the declaration of Governor Bell of Vermont, who was the guest of Aaron Jones yesterday.

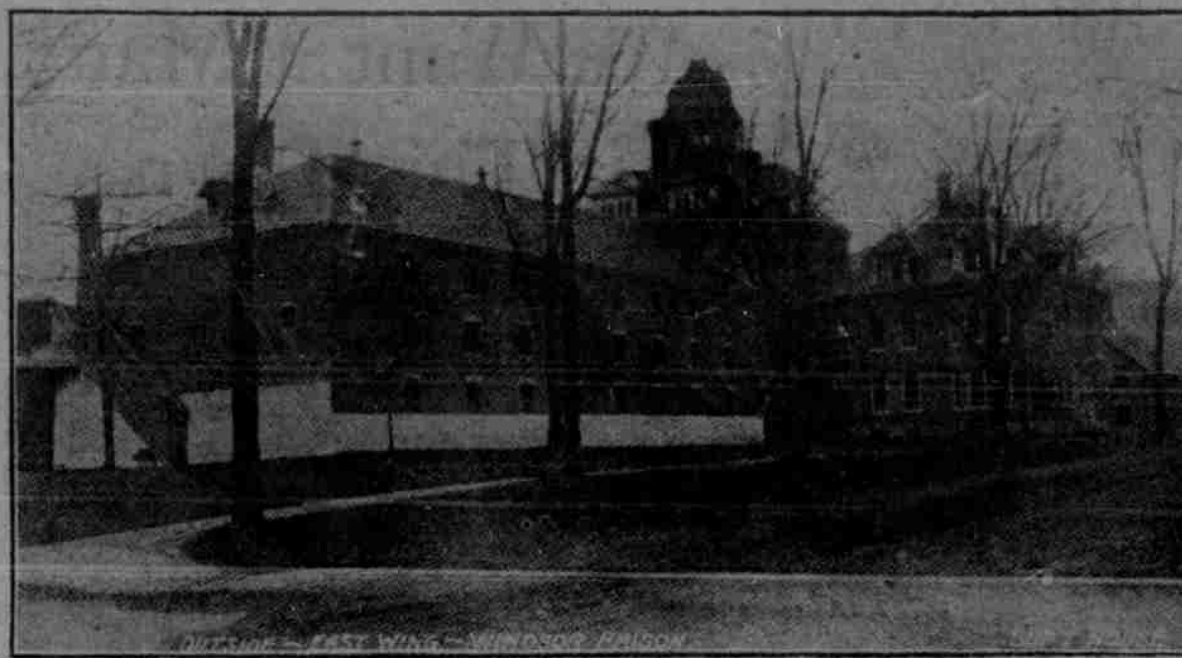
Governor Bell and Mrs. Bell, accompanied by Colonel Dole, a member of the governor's staff, and Mrs. Dole, arrived at noon over the Grand Trunk railway. The afternoon was spent in a trip over the city and to Notre Dame university. The party left last night for Vermont.

The governor said all that remained in the case of Mrs. Rogers was to see that the sentence is carried into effect. He says he is not concerned about the case at present.

**MRS. BLICKENDERFER APPEARS.**

Has Seen Six of Mary Rogers' Jurors About a Reprieve.

Rutland, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Blickenderfer of Stamford, Conn., who has been foremost in working for Mary Rogers, arrived in town today, as did Attorney C. A. McCarthy of Woodstock Falls, N. Y. During the present week Mrs. Blickenderfer has been traveling over the mountains of southern Vermont trying to reach the jurors who found Mary Rogers guilty of murdering her husband. She today completed a forty-mile drive, and she states that she has seen six of the jurors, all of whom have favored a reprieve, looking to the abolishment of capital punishment.



WINDSOR PRISON, WHERE MARY ROGERS AWAITS TOMORROW.

**SHOT FOR HIS MONEY.**

Aged Maine Man Is in Critical Condition.

Kear Falls, Me., Dec. 7.—Daniel Varney, an aged resident of Porter, two miles from this village was shot and seriously wounded yesterday by some person who afterwards took \$200 which Varney had in his pockets. Varney is in a critical condition.

The victim of the shooting lives with a sister, Mrs. Sarah Day, widow, on a farm in an isolated section of Porter township. Varney is 80 years of age and his sister is three years younger.

About 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon the aged man went to his barn to feed his stock. He failed to appear at the house and when Mrs. Day went to investigate the cause of her brother's absence, she found him lying in an unconscious condition in the barn.

Varney had been shot in the back of the head and when his clothing was searched by his sister she declared that about \$200 which her brother had on his person was missing. After some delay, assistance was summoned from the village and the physician found that the robber had used a shot gun at close range. The charge made deep wounds in the head and, owing to the age of the victim his death is expected hourly.

**ASSASSINATION BY A WOMAN.**

Lieut. Gen. Sakharoff, Former Russian Minister of War, Shot Dead by Member of the "Flying Columns" of Revolutionists.

London, Dec. 7.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph in a despatch dated December 6, sent by way of Eydikuiumen, East Prussia, says:

"Lieut. Gen. Sakharoff, former minister of war, was assassinated today."

"The government had deputed General Sakharoff to visit the province of Saratoff for the purpose of quelling the agrarian riots there."

"A woman belonging to the so-called 'Flying Columns' of the revolutionary movement, called at the house of the governor of Saratoff at noon today, and asked to see Gen. Sakharoff."

"She fired three revolver shots at the general, killing him on the spot."

"The tidings reached St. Petersburg tonight. Count Witte charged Lt. Gen. Rudnikoff, minister of war, with the task of breaking the news to Madame Sakharoff."

"The event has created a profound impression in St. Petersburg, owing to fears that the revolutionists here will follow the example thus set."

**IRISH NATIONAL CONVENTION.**

Legislature Assembly Elected by the People Is Wanted.

Dublin, Dec. 7.—The Irish National convention was opened at the Mansion House yesterday under the presidency of John Redmond. There was a fair gathering of members of parliament and delegates from all parts of the country. Special interest was taken by those present at the convention in the advent of the new liberal administration at Westminster. In this connection the following resolution was proposed:

"We solemnly assert that no new system of government in Ireland will be accepted as satisfactory except a legislative assembly freely elected and representative government responsible to that assembly, and this convention declares that the Irish national party cannot enter into an alliance with or give permanent support to any English party or government which does not make the question of granting such an assembly and executive to Ireland the cardinal point of its program."

**PATRICK RESENTENCED.**

The Murderer Will Be Electrocuted on the Week Beginning Jan. 22.

New York, Dec. 7.—After making a final personal plea to the court in his own behalf, Albert T. Patrick, the lawyer convicted of the murder of Wm. Marsh Rice, last night was sentenced to die in the electric chair during the week beginning January 22 next. Sentence was pronounced by Justice Rogers in the criminal branch of the supreme court. Notice at once was given that an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States on a writ of error will be taken. The application for the writ, it is said, will act as a stay of execution. Patrick was returned to the death house in Sing Sing prison last night.

**HIT TWO MEN IN TWO SHOTS**

Charles Hawkins Is Said To Have Emptied Shotgun

INTO WIFE'S PROTECTORS

One of the Men, Fred Dumas, the Brother-in-Law of the Prisoner, Will Recover, But There Is Doubt About Second Man.

Wallingford, Dec. 7.—Charles Hawkins is under arrest at the county jail, charged with assault with intent to kill. Last night at midnight Hawkins went home drunk and began to abuse his wife. Mrs. Hawkins ran from the house to the residence of her brother, Fred Dumas, not very far away. Dumas and one of his employees, an Italian, started for the Hawkins' place. They got to the door, when they alleged, Hawkins met them with a shotgun. He emptied a barrel of the weapon into each of them. Dumas is badly wounded and the Italian may not recover.

Hawkins was placed under arrest by officer C. L. Higgins of Wallingford, and will be held to admit the outcome of the wounds on the two men.

**"LEWIS JARVIS" PRAISED**

LAWYER T. P. WICKES

Were One and the Same—Wickes Found Guilty of Blackmail and Will Be Sentenced Next Week.

New York, Dec. 7.—Thomas P. Wickes, a prominent attorney and former assistant corporation counsel, yesterday was found guilty of blackmail after a trial before a jury in the criminal branch of the supreme court. He was remanded for sentence next week.

The case of Wickes is one of the most peculiar in criminal annals. While occupying a prominent place in the legal profession and enjoying a high reputation, it has been learned that under the name of Lewis Jarvis, which he assumed for the purpose, Wickes wrote hundreds of letters to persons who were interested in cases with which he was connected. Nearly all of these letters were confined entirely to praise of Wickes, the man and his ability in the legal profession. Clients were congratulated upon having obtained the services of so able a gentleman, and prospective clients were advised to retain Wickes at any cost. Some of the letters, however, are said to have other ends in view and it was one of these which resulted in the undoing of Wickes.

To Dr. Edward Weston of Newark, N. J., several of these "Lewis Jarvis" letters were written, advising Dr. Weston to settle a certain litigation brought by Dr. A. P. Grinnell, formerly of Burlington, Vt., against himself by paying several thousand dollars. These letters evidently were written by some one intimate with the case, and Dr. Weston gave them to detectives. Wickes was found out and arrested when he went to a postoffice for letters addressed to "Lewis Jarvis."

During the present trial he admitted that he was the writer of the letters.

**GRAND RECEPTION FOR MARSHAL OYAMA**

Arrived in Tokio This Forenoon and Was Welcomed As Cordially As Admiral Togo Was Recently.

Tokio, Dec. 7.—Field Marshal Oyama, commander of the Japanese army during the recent war, entered the city this morning. He was given a reception which equaled that given Admiral Togo.

**A NOTABLE OCCASION.**

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Chadwick of Randolph Married 50 Years.

Randolph, Dec. 7.—Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Chadwick, numbering over 125, met last evening in the Grange hall and tendered Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick a rousing reception in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. Chadwick was born in Randolph in 1830, the son of Benjamin and Olive Chadwick. His wife, Melissa E. Chadwick, was born in Randolph, July 17, 1839, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Chadwick. They were married December 6, 1855, and have always resided in Randolph, their home on Fish hill being renowned for its hospitality.

In their younger days Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick were among the leaders in the social life of the community. Mr. Chadwick for years held the first place among the decorative painters of the state and his services as carriage painter and stainer were such demand that he became a familiar figure in almost every town in central Vermont. He is also an able landscape painter. For a number of years Mr. Chadwick has devoted his time principally to farming, although he still does some ornamental painting. Both Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick have a very wide acquaintance in and about Randolph. At the reception Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick received the congratulations from their many friends and among other things they were the recipients of many presents. An eight-piece orchestra, under the leadership of E. A. Phillips, furnished music for the occasion.

**BEDELLS STILL LEAD.**

In the Six Day Race Bicycle Contest at Madison Square Garden.

New York, Dec. 7.—The Bedell brothers still lead in the bicycle contest, at 10 o'clock, the score being 1,342 miles. The six next teams are one lap less, while Galvin and McDonald are two laps less. Adams and Downes three laps less, and Dorflinger and Dussot seven laps less.

**PEOPLE IN PROVINCES**

ARISE IN REVOLT

Government Officials Deposed and Committees of Public Safety Are Governing Cities and Towns.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7.—Word was received by revolutionary leaders that the people in many provinces are rising against the government. In several provinces the government officials have been deposed and committees of public safety are governing many towns and small cities. Ministers at Ekaterinoslav have captured the arsenal and the town of Novorossk have surrendered to the mutineers.

**FATHER GAPON CONDEMNED.**

Treachery to the Cause of People Is the Charge.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7.—Father Gapon, who was the leader of the workmen at the inception of labor troubles which led up to the present revolutionary movement, was today condemned to death by a tribunal named by the central revolutionary committee. Two emissaries of the committee were named to carry out the sentence. Treachery to the cause of the people is the charge made against Father Gapon.

**REIGN OF TERROR.**

Drunken Mobs Massacring the Jews at Kieff.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Advices say that a reign of terror exists at Kieff, that drunken mobs of roughs are massacring the Jews, the students and middle class reformers, and that 1,500 have been killed, of which number one thousand were Jews.

**MITCHELL NOT CHAIRMAN.**

Senator Convicted in Land Frauds Re-signs Canal Committee Office.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Vice President Fairbanks yesterday received a telegram from Senator Mitchell of Oregon, who has been convicted in the land fraud cases, resigning the chairmanship of the Senate committee on inter-oceanic canals. Senator Mitchell of Nebraska is the ranking member of the committee after Senator Platt of New York, who does not desire to undertake the arduous work involved by this place.

**DICKIE BOYS TRAVELING.**

Two Barre Youngsters Turned Up in Winoski Yesterday.

David and William Dickie of this city, the two youngsters who go about the streets using the talents of their throats to good advantage, have turned up in Winoski. The Winoski correspondent of the Burlington Free Press gives the following account of them:

"David and William Dickie, aged 15 and 14, and of Scotch-Irish parentage, were in the village yesterday having left their home in Barre a few days ago to earn some money to assist their mother to care for her other five children, who are in destitute circumstances. The boys are exceptionally clever, and have a repertoire of songs, dances and stories with which they entertain their listeners when they get an opportunity to enter some public place. According to their story, their father is unable to do any work, being confined to the bed with consumption. There are seven children in the family, a girl, a little older than David and William, is employed in a factory. The other children are too young to work, and the mother is obliged to devote all her time to them and her sick husband. Last evening the boys fell in with some of the young boys and were provided with rubbers, leggins and other articles of wearing apparel besides a good hearty supper. Later in the evening David went to the postoffice where he sent \$1.50 home to his mother."

**FOUR SEASONS SHOWN AT THE SAME TIME**

Ladies of Congregational Church Met With Good Success at Their Sale

Last Evening in the Church Vestry.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church held a Christmas sale in the church vestry last evening. The ladies had made the vestry especially attractive, with booths representing the four seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter, and in three offered pretty and useful articles for sale. There was music by Batchelder's orchestra and supper was served in the dining room. The attendance was large and the patronage of the booths was liberal, hardly an article being left unsold. The ladies cleared a little over \$100 from the sale. The booths were in charge of the following ladies:

Spring, where candy was sold, Mrs. E. A. Brown and Mrs. John Bartlett.

Summer, aprons, Mrs. D. F. Davis, Mrs. Geo. Tilden and Mrs. H. G. Woodruff.

Autumn, preserves, fruit and vegetables, Mrs. A. P. Abbott, Mrs. Frank McWhorter and Mrs. F. A. Poole.

Winter, fancy articles, Mrs. F. H. Andrus, Mrs. F. B. Cate and Mrs. F. E. Langley.

Sunshine booth, fancy hand-made work, Blanche Houston and Gladys Gale. The other booths were in charge of: Mrs. J. M. McKenney, Mrs. C. E. Chadwick, Mrs. J. M. McKenney, Mrs. C. E. Chadwick, Mrs. J. M. McKenney, Mrs. C. E. Chadwick.

Supper was served to about 150 in the dining room.

**HER HAIR TORN OFF.**

Vergennes Girl Meets With Terrible Accident.

Vergennes, Dec. 7.—Monday evening, Thelma, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lacey of Addison, met with a peculiar and painful accident. She was watching her father separate milk with a hand separator and when he stepped into another room to get a dipper of hot water with which to clean the separator, the child tried to look at the machinery, which was in motion, when her hair, which was braided, caught in the spindle and was torn almost wholly from her head and the scalp broken in several places, and she was rendered unconscious. Dr. Willard and Phelps of this city and Dr. E. H. Martin of Middlebury were called and everything possible done for the patient who remained in an unconscious state for hours. At present writing the child is considered to be out of danger and is as comfortable as could be expected.

**ARMSTRONG-VANCOE.**

Home Wedding at 33 Branch Street Yesterday Afternoon.

Miss Maggie E. VanCoe daughter of W. N. VanCoe, was united in marriage yesterday afternoon to Lyman Armstrong by Rev. L. K. Averill. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride, 33 Branch street at half-past three o'clock. Twenty of the relatives and immediate friends of the contracting parties were in attendance. Following the ceremony a reception was tendered. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong will reside in town. The groom's occupation is that of a lumber in the stonesheds.

**ASKED FOR INFORMATION.**

W. D. Allard, Charged With Murder, Asks for Second Degree Information.

Woodsstock, Dec. 7.—W. D. Allard, who was charged with killing Thomas McCormick in a drunken row Saturday night, asked the state's attorney of this county to file an information against him today for murder in the second degree. The court gave the permission and the information was filed. The case will come up later.

**STEAMER DAMAGED.**

The Roalie at Gravesend Bay Partially Burned.

New York, Dec. 7.—The Joy line steamer Roalie, laid up for winter in Gravesend bay, caught fire today and the after part of the boat was damaged to the extent of \$20,000. The four caretakers escaped, but one fireman accidentally fell overboard and was taken out unconscious.

**CONDEMNED CONDITIONS**

Of Central Vermont Before Railroad Commission.

FURTHER HEARING CALLED

State's Attorney Jackson Said That Common Talk Was That Spikes

Were Lifted Part Way Out of the Ties.

The Vermont railroad commissioners were in session at Montpelier today, considering three cases, the accident on the Williamstown branch of the Central Vermont railroad a few months ago, the death of David Gillespie at Northfield on the same road, and the accident to Charles Jackson on the Central near Montpelier Junction a few weeks ago. Jackson lost both feet.

The first was considered of much importance, inasmuch as it was said to have been caused by the faulty equipment of the road. Two cars, a freight and a baggage car, were pitched off the rail and down an embankment near Burlington street, in this city, and the conductor, Stephen R. Colby, had one leg so badly twisted that he has not been able to walk until recently. State's Attorney Jackson stated that he did not appear before the commission as a witness, but he wished to voice the sentiment of the public that the branch roads of the Central Vermont railroad from the Junction to Barre and from Barre to Williamstown were not in a condition. He said it was common talk that spikes had been found partly lifted out of the ties and the roads were not properly ballasted. After that the commission stated that a special hearing will be called, at which witnesses will be summoned to testify concerning the condition of the roads.

The witnesses called today in this case regarding the injuries to Conductor Colby were Mr. Colby, Dr. C. E. Chandler, Engineer Thomas Farrell, Fireman Jessie Crosssett, baggage-master C. V. Henderson, expressman Henderson. In the accident to David Gillespie Dr. J. H. Winch, Mrs. Mary Barton, Charles Leger, John Keefe, William Budenell, selectman C. H. Dutton and Justice S. H. Kent were heard. The Jackson case has Dr. C. E. Chandler as witness. This forenoon and four others were put on this afternoon.

**SIX TO TWO.**

Red Men Defeated I. O. O. F. Cribbage Team Last Night.

The Red Men's team defeated the I. O. O. F. cribbage team in last night's match, at six tables to two, the result by tables being as follows: Stewart and Rennie, R. M., defeated Nicholson and Buchanan, I. O. O. F.; Brodies and Webster, R. M., defeated Geals and Rennie, I. O. O. F.; Stewart and Gormack, R. M., defeated Small and Webster, I. O. O. F.; Sangster and Gould, R. M., defeated Smith and Wiley, I. O. O. F.; Brown and Laxon, R. M., defeated Nichols and Cowie, I. O. O. F.; Long and Duncan, R. M., defeated Smith and Maiden, I. O. O. F.

Book and Foraylie, I. O. O. F., defeated McDonald and Bray, R. M.; McIver and Blythe, I. O. O. F., defeated Beagrie and McKenrie, R. M.

This game ends the first series.

**FUNERAL OF GEO. COLOMBO.**

Large Attendance of Relatives and Friends Yesterday.

The funeral of George Colombo was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from 414 Foss street. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends. The interment was in Hope cemetery, and the pall bearers were Angelo Rosini, Carlo Prestini, Frank E. Comoli, Peter Righini, Rosio Abiatti and Antonio Bianchi. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, including an anchor from the brothers, Alex and Achille Colombo; a wreath, from A. Abiatti's employees; pillow from children; wreath from relatives, bouquet from G. Frattini, etc.

**WAIVED EXAMINATION.**

The Three Whites Released on Bail of \$5,000 Today.

Richford, Dec. 7.—The hearings of W. W. White, Almon White and Eva White were held this forenoon and all three of the respondents waived examination on the charge of manslaughter in the wood alcohol cases. Bail in the aggregate was fixed at \$5,000. For the boy and girl the amount was furnished by S. Ralph Carpenter, and for the father by a syndicate of fifteen men.

**PREVENTED SERIOUS FIRE.**

Policeman Discovered Blaze on Church Street in Burlington.

Burlington, Dec. 7.—A serious fire was prevented early this morning when Officer Graton discovered a gas jet in the refrigerator room of the Burlington Fruit company's store on Church street flaming up. He notified the firemen at station No. 1. The firemen broke into the store and put the blaze out in a few minutes.